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EO 11652: NA.

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, OECD, AS.

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS:

FLOOR COVERING INDUSTRY REQUESTS PROTECTION FROM IMPORTS.

1. DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT) OFFICIAL, DURING INFORMAL PERIODIC DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 3, INFORMED US OF LOCAL INDUSTRY REQUEST RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (DMI) FOR PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF RESILIENT FLOOR COVERINGS FALLING WITHIN ITEM 48.12 AND SUB-ITEM 39.02.210 OF AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF. CURRENT DUTY RATES ARE 26-34 PCT. AND 34 PCT. AD VALOREM RESPECTIVELY. NEITHER ITEM IS GATT-BOUND.

2. DMI WILL CONSIDER VIEWS EITHER IN SUPPORT OF OR OPPOSITION TO REQUEST UNTIL APRIL 15, ON WHICH DATE IT UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKES RECOMMENDATION TO SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE

(SMOS) WHETHER OR NOT REQUEST SHOULD BE REFERRED TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) FOR STUDY. SMOS USUALLY ACTS ON DMI RECOMMENDATION WITHIN WEEK, AND TAA MUST COMPLETE ITS STUDY WITHIN 30 DAYS. FINAL SMOS DECISION PROBABLY APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK THEREAFTER. INTERESTED PARTIES THUS WILL ACTUALLY HAVE UNTIL ABOUT END OF MAY TO PRESENT VIEWS EITHER TO DMI, TAA, OR SMOS, ALTHOUGH THE EARLIER IN PROCESS THE BETTER.

3. U.S. SHARE OF IMPORT MARKET IN BOTH ITEMS SUBSTANTIAL AS SHOWN IN FOLLOWING TABLE (U.S. SHARE IN PAREN.):

A. ITEM 48.12 FY73 FY74 FY75 THROUGH JAN.

TOTAL IMPORTS (DOLS A) 1,804,922 2,695,139 1,369,006
IMPORTS FROM

U.S. 1,246,206 1,833,162 1,268,898
 (69 PCT) (68 PCT) (93 PCT)

B. ITEM 39.02.210

TOTAL IMPORTS

(DOLS A) 2,961,405 5,107,403 3,387,659

IMPORTS FROM

U.S. 2,056,464 3,460,160 1,998,889
 (69 PCT) (68 PCT) (59 PCT)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF SIZEABLE U.S. SHARE THIS MARKET, USDOC MAY WISH TO ALERT U.S. EXPORTERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR OBJECTIONS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AUSTRALIAN AGENTS. AUSTRALIAN INFO ADDEES MAY ALSO WISH BRING ACTION TO ATTENTION U.S. EXPORTERS' AGENTS IN THEIR DISTRICT AND SUGGEST THEY REGISTER OBJECTIONS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCY. DMI REFERENCE IS 75/648 DATED MARCH 27, 1975.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTES FROM AUSTRALIAN FIGURES PROVIDED BY DMI THAT, THROUGH JANUARY FY 75, RATE OF IMPORTS THESE ITEMS HAS DROPPED OFF, SHARPLY IN CSE OF SUB-ITEM 39.02.210. THIS MAY INDICATE ANY IMPORT SURGE THAT HAS OCCURRED IS ALREADY ADJUSTING TO ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, PARTICULARLY IN BUILDING INDUSTRY.
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